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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 14, 2002. A three-month extension of time is being filed herewith making this amendment due on February 14, 2003. Accordingly, a response is timely filed. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Please replace the title of the invention with the following rewritten title:

--NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING A CLASP-3 MEMBRANE PROTEIN--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C¹ This application claims priority to U.S. Application Ser. Nos. 60/240,508, 60/240,503, 60/240,539, 60/240,543, 09/687,837 (all filed Oct. 13, 2000); 09/547,276, 60/196,267, 60/196,527, 60/196,528, 60/196,460 (all filed Apr. 11, 2000); 60/182,296 (filed Feb. 14, 2000), 60/176,195 (filed Jan. 14, 2000), 60/170,453 (filed Dec. 13, 1999), 60/162,498 (filed Oct. 29, 1999), 60/160,860 (filed Oct. 21, 1999).